

AQUATIC FETE DAZZLINGLY BEAUTIFUL AND GAY

Dancing Lights, Hurting Rockets,
Sirens, Bombs and Music
Lend to Fantastic Picture.

Harbor Is Made Into Fairyland

Twenty Thousand Persons Gather
on Wharves to Witness Won-
drous Water Spectacle.

(From Saturday Advertiser.)

Dancing lights of many colors reflected in dancing waters; music ashore and music afloat; rockets hurtling towards the stars or falling in streams of multi-colored fire; strange golden fountains spouting from the harbor water; gorgeous waterfalls of flames; sirens, bombs and pirates—these, in a bewitchingly woven pattern of light, composed the water carnival, yesterday's fete event of cardinal importance.

The harbor was a bit of transported fairyland, with crisscross of all shapes and sizes; from lumbering barges to dainty yachts; from sampans to outrigger canoes; from swift launches to a grim pirate pennant, from the decks of which issued grim cannon, from the poop of which glared, heralded, cutthroats and from the waist and bow of which winked numerous searchlights. Every craft bore its scores and hundreds of glowing lanterns, outlining the curves of hulls and sweep of rigging nearly all burned red and blue light and many bombarded the heavens with Roman candles and rockets.

Dazzlingly Beautiful View Presented

The harbor fete was dazzlingly beautiful, from the time when the first fire ship put out from Youngs' boat house until the grand finale of the fireworks display; when sister dreadnaughts from the water and an aeroplane and a dirigible from aloft poured shot and shell into a fairy city, that sprang up like magic from the dark, with its towers hurling back bombs and shells. When the bombardment was over, the darkness had remained battleships and army gunners, forts and towers and minarets and only the word "Aloha" remained, glowing over the ruins.

The fete was successful up to the expectations of the promoters and far beyond those of the twenty thousand or so who gathered about the harbor front to watch, applaud and wonder. The parade of the fire ships was beautiful; the fireworks were the best Honolulu has ever seen; the music was excellent, except when the floating bandships drifted too close to each other and one was brought trying at one and the same time to appreciate the Carnival March and Dixie.

Searchlights Add to Brightness

The powerful searchlight at Fort Armstrong and a smaller beamthrower on the Alaska street wharf flickered friendly messages to each other on the water and fleecy clouds and added to the general brightness of the occasion. The operators at the fort had a disconcerting habit of holding their light upon the central grandstand, however, and the powerful beams interfered at times with the enjoyment of those in the directors' box and the adjoining sections, blinding the occupants.

Altogether in the water parade some forty crafts took part, each being cheered as it swept proudly past the reserved seat portions of the front. The Elizabeth, manned by the pirates of the Ad Club, stole along her way with few lights, and many were unable to appreciate the faithful manner in which she had been rebuilt for the occasion.

Sampans Play Important Part

A particularly beautiful showing in lights was made by the yacht Hawaii, her towering masts carrying the lines of lanterns far above the water line. The yacht La Paloma was also a thing of beauty. The number of splendidly decorated sampans was many, and it may be said that without the help of the sampans owners and their hearty cooperation with the committee a Honolulu harbor fete would be lacking in much that goes towards making success.

The boys of Fort Armstrong manned a daintily decorated launch, while among the "pullers" were the representatives of Company 104, C. A. C. These entries and that of the sailor boys were applauded all along the line. Another group that drew attention from many people was the entry of the Myrtle Rowing Club, and the list of participants upon here by no means exhausts the number of crafts worthy of special mention.

Awards of the Judges

Japanese—Sampans—Aloha, first; Cherry Blossom, second, and the Red and Blue, third.
Yachts—Hawaii, first.
Launches—Galleon Elizabeth, manned by Ad Club, first.
Pulling Section—Myrtle Rowing Club, outrigger canoes—Aloha Wreath, first.

GARRISON PLEADS TO CONGRESS FOR EQUAL RATING WITH THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, February 20.—(Associated Press Cable)—Secretary of War Garrison today sent a letter to Chairman Ray of the House committee on military affairs declaring that if congress creates six vice admirals it ought also to create the grade of lieutenant general for the Army; otherwise the Navy would constantly outrank the Army in joint service matters.

Highwaymen Shoot When Resistance Is Offered—Take Extended Purse and Escape

BELLINGHAM, Washington, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A trio of masked men last night held up a Great Northern passenger train south of this city and shot and killed three passengers when they offered resistance. The dead are Thomas S. Vawter and M. B. McElhen of Vancouver, British Columbia, and H. L. Lee of Bremerton. Following the shooting the terrified passengers on the train held out their purses and they were all taken by the bandits. The highwaymen made their escape without a shot being fired at them.

DECLARES SAN FRANCISCO FAIR WILL BE BEST YET

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—David R. Francis, former Governor of Missouri, who was the guest of honor yesterday at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce, predicted that the Panama-Pacific fair in 1915 would be the greatest exposition in the history of the world.

TRANS-ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES END RATE WAR

NEW YORK, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Trans-Atlantic steamship rate war has come to an end, according to reports received here yesterday from London. The report states that the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines have adjusted their differences.

CAPE HAITIEN, Haiti, February 21

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The government forces advancing on this city by order of the new President, Orges Zimor, to take the city from the control of the rebel organization which has dominated the town since the bitter rebellion campaign, met the rebel forces outside the city yesterday and completely routed the revolutionists, who fell back to the defenses they had raised in the town. It is evident that the rebel forces are quickly and are preparing to flee. At the beginning of the battle a detachment of marines was landed from the American battleships in the harbor and is now police patrolling the streets with out molestation by the rebels. The various consulates are crowded with refugees, fearful of a battle when the advancing government forces storm the city proper, if the rebels remain to make a fight.

NEWARK, New Jersey, February 21

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—George Bernhardt, a socialist, was arrested here yesterday on the charge of having sent letters to President Wilson, in which he threatened he would take the life of the chief executive of the Nation and also that he was planning the destruction of the Capital city. Bernhardt is believed to be insane.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Alienists here have planned the organization of a branch of the National Mental Hygiene Society which has for its object the prevention of the spread of insanity.

NORFOLK, Virginia, February 21

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An unidentified steamer has gone ashore near here and the harbor is unable to reach the ship because of the terrific storm raging. There is no means of identifying the vessel. The lives of all are in danger. It will be impossible to render aid before this morning.

NEW YORK, February 20

(Associated Press Cable)—Referring to the formal opening of the Panama Canal and the celebration planned at that time, Col. George W. Goethals, the canal builder, said today: "The celebration will be a great show, but I hope I won't be there, because I don't like celebrations."

WASHINGTON'S FAIRY GODMOTHER COMING HERE

WASHINGTON, February 20.—Bound on a tour of the world, Mrs. Christian Hemick, known as the Fairy Godmother of Washington society, left here today for San Francisco with her son-in-law and daughter, M. and Mrs. Dreyfus-Barney, of Paris. She will bid them good-by at San Francisco.

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WOMAN NAMED BY SCHUMANN HEINK

Famous Diva Files Amended Complaint in Divorce Suit Against Herr William Rapp.

CHICAGO, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The filing here yesterday of an amended complaint by Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the famous diva, in her suit for divorce from her husband, Herr William Rapp, in which she names K. E. Deane as the woman in the case, lends an entirely new angle to the separation proceedings brought by the world's most famous contralto.

Herr Deane's incontestable ability has always been given as the reason for the separation and there has been no mention of a woman. The famous diva has always insisted that she and her husband differed over the manner in which she was raising her children. The diva has always insisted that her children should live in luxury and should not be compelled to work hard. To this end she had surrounded herself with the members of her family in a magnificent home and ranch in the foothills near San Diego, California. She has always stated that because of this attitude she had become estranged from her husband, who insisted that the children be compelled to go out into the world and make their own living. Prior to the marriage, Herr Rapp was business manager for the diva and their wedding was the result of overtures of friends who pointed out that a marriage would be a happy solution of the close relationship brought about by their business interests. Accordingly, the bringing of a woman into the case by Schumann-Heink comes as a surprise.

U. S. SOLDIER ROUTS 20 MEXICANS IN FIGHT

EL PASO, Texas, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Corporal Jensen of the Thirteenth Cavalry yesterday afternoon engaged single-handed in a pitched gun battle with a score of Mexicans in a narrow alley in this city and when the smoke of the fight had blown away the American officer was in possession of the field with the exception of one of the Mexicans who had fallen before the American's fire. It is believed that the seven-wounded but were dragged away by comrades. About fifty shots were exchanged. At the sound of firing comrades of Jensen hurried to the scene but when they arrived the short but active battle was over. The Mexicans had fled. Jensen had seen the Mexicans gathered in the alley and when he asked what they were doing he was met with a rifle shot. Some of the Mexicans began to run and Corporal Jensen returned the fire with his rifle. In a few seconds he had cleared the alley and had escaped untouched despite the hail of bullets which had flown about him.

SENATE REJECTS ATTACKS AGAINST MONROE DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, February 20.—In executive session today, the senate rejected Senator Chamberlain's amendment to the Spanish treaty which would exempt from arbitration the Panama Canal tolls question, the immigration question and all other questions likely to involve the Monroe doctrine. The result indicates that Wilson's program for settling the Panama tolls question by arbitration, working through treaties, will carry.

IMMEDIATE INQUIRY IS ORDERED BY BRYAN

WASHINGTON, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Secretary of State Bryan has ordered an immediate official inquiry into the facts of the execution of William S. Benton, a British subject, in Mexico. This action was taken before the secretary held a conference with the British ambassador, before whom he laid all the facts that had been received by him. President Wilson also discussed the occurrence with the members of his cabinet.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Framed because he was denied his application for probation, Ralph R. Patterson, who is serving a sentence of seven years in San Quentin penitentiary, yesterday attacked and severely injured the complaining witness against him and who vigorously opposed the granting of probation. The assault took place in the corridor outside the court of Judge Dunn before whom the hearing was held. While leaving the courtroom, Patterson seized the chief witness against him, broke away from his guards and viciously attacked his believed enemy, using the iron with which his wrist was manacled effectively. When taken to a hospital the victim of the attack was found to be suffering from severe laceration of the scalp and slight concussion of the brain.

LOS ANGELES, February 20

The floods that are ravaging five counties of southern California were reported much worse today, the water rising several feet at a number of points affected. Heavy rains during the night added to the disaster. A number of people are reported homeless.

All inter-urban communication has been suspended, the waters rising high over tracks and stalling such trains as started to go through.

The Vanderbilt Cup races, one of the blue-chip series of "auto" world, have been postponed to February 26. A landslide at Corona did a great deal of damage even to orchards and buildings which had been above the flood level. One man was drowned.

OLD HAWAII FAITHFULLY STAGED

Missionary Play at Old Mission House, with Descendants of Missionaries in Cast. Pleasant Large Carnival Crowds—Queen Liliuokalani an Interested Spectator—Play May Be Repeated.

(From Saturday Advertiser.)

Depicting as no other entertainment could so successfully have done the early life of the missionaries in Hawaii, the play, "The Missionary Settling Circle," presented yesterday afternoon at the Old Mission House under the auspices of The Friend was one of the great successes of the Mid-Pacific Carnival. The entertainment was just what the Carnival committee sought, showing as it did the great progress which Hawaii has made in the past hundred years, the "other side" which the present generation is too prone to forget.

It was as James Wilder, the director, announced a simple story of the early forties. There was no attempt at spectacular effect, although the entrance of the premier with her retinue of servants furnished a dash of light and color which furnished a pleasing contrast to the extreme simplicity of the missionary scene.

Much talent was displayed by Miss Martha Kahookano, who took the part of the premier. She bore herself with great regularity and read her lines most cleverly. Other members of the cast, all missionary descendants, were letter quipped in their lines and with their quiet, dignified, high back combs and parted hair looked the parts to perfection. These young women, six in number, are to be congratulated upon the success of the play.

An old Hawaiian mele, sung by the girls of Kawaiahae Seminary, furnished a delightful prelude. Six of these fine looking maidens acted the parts of kahili bearers and servants. The music, which throughout the week has been open in the Mission House, offers the finest collection of family relics ever shown here, and has been instrumental in awakening a slumbering interest in the missionary past of the islands. Among those who are enthusiastic over this feature is Dr. W. T. Brigham, of Bishop Museum, who urged that it be made the nucleus of a permanent museum.

So many have been the requests that the museum be continued that it has been decided to keep the doors open until one o'clock today. Chairs will be placed under the trees in the mission yard and the crowds are invited to come in and rest. The small admission fee of twenty-five cents is charged for the museum.

Miss Agnes Judd heads the Museum committee and much of the success is due to her enthusiastic cooperation. Miss Emily Warner of the Friend staff has served throughout in a general capacity.

Queen Liliuokalani occupied a special booth at both performances. She was accompanied by her chamberlain, Curtis P. Jukes. With her in the booth were Governor Pinkham, Admiral and Mrs. M. M. Macomb and aide. Several times the Queen showed her enjoyment of the play by applauding the players. She witnessed both performances.

This booth, handsomely decorated in American and Hawaiian flags and leis representative of all the islands, was arranged personally by Miss Beatrice Castle.

The personnel of the cast follows: Miss Ethel Damon, Mrs. J. P. Erikson, Miss Emily Parley, Miss Ruth Shaw, Miss Laura Atherton and Miss Frances Blais. There have been a number of requests that the play be repeated and if this were done it is certain that a large crowd would be in attendance, particularly if some evening next week were chosen.

SLIP SKIRTS WAS HONOLULU REPT

Slip skirts started the rumor that resulted in the separation and will culminate in the divorce of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosenfeld, who arrived in San Francisco from Honolulu on the steamer or Manoa.

According to the latest story from the Court, when the liner anchored, the bride was seen to hurl her wedding ring into the water, but she explained that the gold band was a bit too large and "it dropped off."

The husband and wife visited Wilbur G. Ziegler, an attorney, last night and today Mrs. Rosenfeld traveled alone northward to her home in Seattle, while Rosenfeld, a wealthy Chicagoan, climbed aboard the Overland. Passengers on the big liner say the trip was not a bed of roses because the bridegroom persisted in his demands that his bride sew up her slip skirt, which displayed a silk stocking to the knee. The bride insisted that the bridegroom make his own business.

Beware of Colds.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers, Jenson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

700 PUPILS SING NATIONAL HYMN

Patriotic Washington Birthday Exercises Held at St. Louis College.

(From Saturday Advertiser.)

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of St. Louis College held their annual Washington celebration in the College auditorium which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with the National as well as the Carnival colors. The program consisted of selections referring to Washington, of songs, national and otherwise, and also of music which was of a patriotic order.

"Carnival's Awakening," the opening number by the college orchestra, was well rendered and put everyone present in good mood. The recitations and singing by the small chaps, bearing on events of Washington's life, Mount Vernon and the American Flag, deserve honorable mention. The second intermediate class also had a recitation on the life of Washington. The "Jolly Good Luck Song" did its part to create a bit of mirth. The boys of the first intermediate performed their part well. The other recitations, "The Shepherd Dog of the Pyrenees," by the fifth and sixth grade pupils, "Mr. Brown's Hair Cut," by D. Macconell, and "Washington," an essay, by P. Hanahono, pleased everyone. The "Patriot's Rescue," by the first grammar boys was neatly executed.

The musical numbers brought out the patriotic feelings of the lads and the national hymn, by the 700 and more pupils present, were worth while hearing.

Interpreted in the program was a chorus entitled "Ten Little Chinamen," by a select choir; a piano duet, "Southern Jollifications," by H. Quinlan and P. Wirtz, and a violin and piano duet by the Haglund brothers. All of these numbers were well performed.

The college band, directed by Brother Francis, closed the afternoon celebration with the "Drammer's Pride" and, as a finale, the "Star Spangled Banner" was played.

Just before closing, a "telegram," received from Ben Hollinger, president of the St. Louis College Alumni Association, was read. It congratulated the 1914 intercollegiate soccer champions. Needless to say, the cheers which followed the reading of the "telegram" almost unroofed the big auditorium.

ARMY COMMISSIONS GROWING SCARCER

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The present prospects are that there will not be more than seventy vacancies in the army when the next class graduates from West Point. The strength of the class at present is more than one hundred, which would place about thirty cadets on the extra list as second lieutenants.

There are at present sixteen vacancies in the infantry, twelve in the cavalry, four in the coast artillery and one in the field artillery. By the time a class graduates there will be sixty vacancies in the Engineer Corps, but this is the result of the number of graduates that may be assigned to the Engineer Corps for next year. This means that there is no prospect of commissions for enlisted men or civilians in the near future unless congress increases the number of officers in the army.

GERMANY KEEPING TAB ON JAPANESE

BERLIN, February 4.—However innocuous President Wilson and Secretary Bryan may consider the foreign policy of Japan, it is not on high authority that there is no disposition in Berlin to minimize the necessity of keeping vigilant watch on the ambitions and maneuvers of the Mikado's government.

Germany is paying the closest possible attention to them. Nothing new in eight is responsible for the measures taken by the Kaiser's government, which is taking a far-sighted view and contemplates contingencies of the distant rather than the immediate future.

It is felt here, however, that European and American statements would be indulged in the most fatal sort of ostrich policy if they failed to keep closely in touch with developments in Japan and to make their own plans accordingly. Germany has territorial interests in the Far East akin to those of the United States though less extensive and the opinion prevails in Berlin that the owners of Kiao Chao, Samoa, and the Philippines may have mutual interests of far greater magnitude than superficial observers realize.

Japan has just ordered fifty German aeroplanes to be delivered in the summer of 1914.

Johan Alvin Blom was yesterday adjudged a bankrupt on his petition by Judge Charles F. Clements of the federal court. Blom gave his assets as \$14,678.50, consisting of merchandise in the store that he conducted at Fort and Hotel streets until recently and which he assigned to James Wakefield for the benefit of his creditors. The merchandise having been sold by the trustees, the proceeds were divided pro rata among the creditors.

Blom's liabilities amounted to \$22,034.90, the principal creditors being Murphy, Grant & Company of San Francisco, \$4,067.52; First National Bank of Hawaii, \$5,237.58; W. H. Heine of Honolulu, \$2,611.60; Bauer Brothers & Company of San Francisco, \$1,724.02, and Jules Levy & Brothers of San Francisco, \$1,677.20.

George S. Curry, one of the referees in bankruptcy, was appointed by Judge Clements to take such further proceedings in the matter as may be required.

SECRETARY WOULD NAME FIFTY ENLISTED MEN TO NAVAL ACADEMY YEARLY

WASHINGTON, February 20.—(Associated Press Cable)—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels has proposed to congressional leaders the introduction of a bill authorizing the secretary of the navy to appoint annually fifty enlisted men to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He proposes that after two years of sea service the fifty men be picked by competitive examination for the appointments.

SPIRIT OF MARS PRESIDES AT CANAL

The official military publication of the German army, the General Staff Quarterly, discusses in the January number the engineering aspects, past and present, of the Panama Canal, in an article which summarizes the immediate consequences of the opening of the great waterway as follows:

"First—Aggravated attempts on the part of the United States in the direction of supremacy on the American continent, at least as far as the Canal Zone and perhaps to the Equator.

"Second—A sharp competitive struggle against foreign, especially European, commerce through Latin America.

"Third—A grave struggle between Japan and America for the mastery of the Pacific.

"Fourth—An increased endeavor to exclude the yellow race from American territory.

"Fifth—The development of a powerful American merchant marine.

"Sixth—The gradual introduction of a vigorous, imperialistic policy on the part of the United States, accompanied by a strengthened army and navy."

The article concludes with the following significant paragraph: "The Panama Canal was the bone of contention for generations before a spade of earth was turned. 'Bastille' is the slogan over the isthmian waterway. Like its peer, its fate will be decided over by the spirit of Mars."

To show their appreciation for the typical Hawaiian welcome that was extended to them, a delegation of Elks from Oakland Lodge No. 171, headed by Fred A. Hooper, last night presented Honolulu Lodge No. 616 with a handsome set of six antique beautifully mounted.

Each of the visiting Elks who attended the dance and gave given at the Elks Club last night tied an appropriately worded souvenir card on the unsalable specimens.

A richly embroidered heavy silk American flag with the inscription "From the Pacific Coast Elks to Honolulu Elks" worked in gold letters was presented to the lodge during the ritualistic services last night.

Among the many societies Honolulu Lodge has been presented with since its organization these gifts easily rank as the finest in its collection.

LONDON, February 4.—The command of the Mediterranean in case of war between England and the Triple Alliance seems likely to pass to Germany's allies.

This is the grave conclusion at which the military correspondent of the Times, Colonel Remington, arrives after a searching detailed examination of the facts. According to the admiralty figures, Britain's average surplus for the Mediterranean in 1915-1916 after allowing the necessary forces for the North Sea will be only seven dreadnaughts, yet Italy alone will have that many in 1916 and ten in 1917, and Austria will have at least four.

The peril to which the sent of empire diplomacy and the route for half Britain's food supplies and raw materials will be thus exposed will be vigorously pointed upon the ministry during the coming session of the British Parliament. The Timesist contends that the cabinet must keep the pledges given to Canada and the other Dominions and the British people that the naval strength in the Mediterranean will be maintained, even though Canada failed to give the promised aid. The minimum demanded is for a one power standard force in the Mediterranean. Otherwise the United Nations British diplomacy will be endangered and the British Isles be placed in constant peril of starvation if not invasion.

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BRITISHER IS EXECUTED BY COMMAND OF VILLA

William S. Benton of Scotch Birth Killed Because He Objected to Looting of Ranches.

Official Inquiry Ordered by Bryan

American Citizens of El Paso Hold Mass Meeting and Condemn Government's Policy.

(Associated Press Cable)

CITY OF MEXICO, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—As a result of the execution at Ciudad Juarez by General Villa, commander of the Constitutional forces, of William S. Benton, a British subject, supporters of the Huerta government are expressing fears that Great Britain will demand and force intervention in Mexico by the United States.

EL PASO, February 21.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—William S. Benton, of Scotch birth and a British subject, resident of Mexico for many years, owner of Mexican ranch and other properties valued at more than a million dollars, was secretly executed last Tuesday at Ciudad Juarez, across the border from this city, by order of Gen. Pancho Villa, commander of the Constitutional army, which is occupying Juarez and holding the town under military rule.

General Villa yesterday confirmed the news of the death of Benton for the Associated Press. He declined to give details and soon after the subject had been brought up, newspaper men left hastily for Chihuahua.

Americans Are Wrought Up. As a result of the execution Americans on this side of the border are highly wrought up and protesting that the execution was nothing less than a wanton murder. Benton was immensely popular among Americans on both sides of the line, having business associates here as well as on the other side of the border.

The popular understanding of the reasons of the execution is that Benton, who had long known General Villa, called upon the rebel general to demand satisfaction because the rebels were plundering his ranches.

General Villa asserts that Benton was armed and threatened him harm but friends of the dead man deny this. Feeling has been stirred to the highest pitch since the beginning of the troubles in the Mexican republic.

Mass Meeting Criticizes Government. At a meeting held here last night and presided over by former Governor Curry of New Mexico resolutions were adopted condemning the government for its manner of handling the Mexican situation. The meeting was held as a protest to the execution of William S. Benton in Juarez by order of General Villa and was the climax of a day of excitement.

The resolutions accuse the state department of suppressing the reports of the consuls and deliberately misleading the American people in regard to actual conditions along and across the border. Demand is made upon congress that the state department be called on to make public a full record of alleged crimes and outrages which have been filed with the department since the beginning of the Mexican troubles.

RESISTE OUTRAGES ON WOMEN

The government is criticized for harboring General Ynes Sacar and Bandit Maximo Castillo in the prison camp at Fort Bliss and the resolutions recite many instances of the atrocities of these two bandits and of their outrages upon women.

The execution of Benton was declared to be a cold-blooded and heartless assassination.

The policy of the government as it has pertained to the Mexican situation was declared as "weak and vacillating."

Copies of the resolutions were prepared and ordered sent to President Wilson, the British ambassador and all United States senators. It also contained a request that the resolutions be published in the Congressional Record.

LEAVE MEXICO WILL BE REQUEST TO ALL BRITONS

WASHINGTON, February 20.—(Associated Press Cable)—As a result of the killing of a British subject on Mexican soil, the British ambassador has formally called upon America to protect Britons in Mexico. The government will probably request all subjects of Great Britain to leave the troublesome republic.

John Kalua, former circuit judge of Maui, is visiting Honolulu and taking in the delights of the Carnival.